

Setting up of Medical Grants Commission

1570. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to set-up a Medical Grants Commission on the lines of the University Grants Commission to encourage research and to provide grants to the State for various health care programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): There was a proposal for establishment of Education Commission on Health Sciences on the line of University Grants Commission. However, in view of scarce resources, the proposal has been kept in abeyance.

Opening of Nursing Colleges

1571. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Nursing Colleges opened in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Uttranchal, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government propose to open Nursing Colleges in these States during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations where these will be opened; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) During the last three years Indian Nursing Council has given permission for opening of 5 Colleges of Nursing in the State of Madhya Pradesh and 2 in the State of Chhattisgarh.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The opening of Colleges of Nursing comes within the purview of the State Government.

Poor condition of Government Hospitals in Delhi

1572. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the poor condition of Government Hospitals functioning in Delhi; and